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# America's 'Superspook': At Work in a Lion's Den

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Four months after becoming President Carter's second choice to head the nation's intelligence community, Adm. Stansfield Turner has emerged as one of the men closest to the President.

"He's next to the Georgia Mafia and Mondale," one source said.

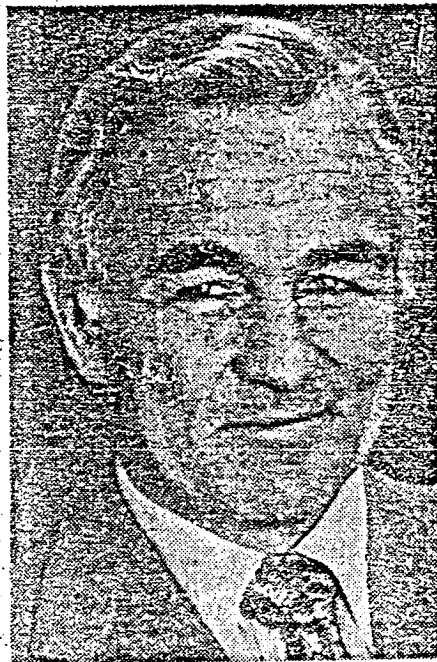
"His relations with Carter couldn't be better," Mondale said. "The President admires him greatly."

Although Carter and Turner were Annapolis classmates, their relationship has been molded since Turner was selected. They knew each other only slightly at the Naval Academy and had met once after graduation.

One man who has watched the President and Turner said: "Carter trusts him. He knows Turner's being honest and that he's loyal."

The admiral, who chose to remain a Navy officer while running the intelligence community, is the first Central Intelligence Agency director to attend Cabinet meetings regularly and he has two weekly meetings with the President—usually on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mondale and White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski are the only other regular participants in these meetings.

Turner learns his brief for these meetings very well, according to men who have listened to him. "I spend the last couple of hours before that briefing preparing for it. It's a very important thing and you have to



ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER

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spend your time going over your material getting the last facts," Turner said in an interview.

"I think we've got to be salesmen," Turner said. "I think we've got a product to sell and we've got to get out on the street and sell it."

The White House and Cabinet agencies are Turner's most important customers, but he also has asked how he can aid congressional committees and he has sought to run a somewhat more open agency.

There are a lot of subjects Turner won't discuss in an interview, ranging from CIA use of the Hughes Glomar Explorer ship to details of his proposals for reshaping the intelligence community.

But, he explains, the reason a reporter is sitting across from him and that TV cameras have been allowed to film in parts of CIA headquarters is his desire to refurbish the image, to sell the product.

Consumers in the White House, in the Defense and State departments and on Capitol Hill respond "bright" and "hard-working" when asked about Turner.

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"He's working in a pretty sophisticated lion's den," Hart said.

The critics insist Turner has limited their access to him and they object to many of the "T-grams" he sends around the huge CIA headquarters from his seventh-floor office.

T-grams are short memos asking for information, which, the critics say, interrupt their more important work and threaten to clog channels of communication with streams of documents of little importance.

Turner's Operation Outreach effort to open the spy agency to the public and the press a little more than in the past has also nettled some CIA career officials. For example, a brief Turner memo suggesting the agency explore escorting tour groups through its headquarters quickly leaked to the

press, presumably from someone who thought the idea could be ridiculed off the drawing board.

Last week, in what appeared to be preparation for a retreat on the tourists, Turner stressed that nothing had been decided.

He strongly denied, however, the major criticisms that have been leveled at him.

Turner has six Navy men working for him at the CIA, he said, three of them in key positions close to his office.

"If these three people have isolated me from the entire establishment out

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